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COMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE

May 25, 2023

The Boston City Council's Committee on Ways and Means will hold public hearings on the FY24 recommended budget, as well as various relevant budget-related dockets, according to the attached schedule. These hearings will take place in the Iannella Chamber, Fifth Floor, Boston City Hall, unless noted otherwise. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 some hearings will be taking place virtually.

The subjects of the hearing are:

Orders for the FY24 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

- Docket #0760, Message and order for Annual Appropriation and Tax Order for FY2024.
- Docket #0761, Message and order for Annual Appropriation for the School Department for FY2024.
- Docket #0762, Message and order approving an appropriation of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund.

Orders for capital fund transfer appropriations.

- Docket #0763, Message and order approving an appropriation of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant Fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city. Such funds will be transferred and credited to the Capital Grant Fund from revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.
- Docket #0765, Message and order approving an appropriation of Twenty-Nine Million Four Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$29,405,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant Fund in order to provide funding for various transportation and public realm improvements. The funds shall be credited to the Capital Grant Fund form the Parking Meter Fund.
- Docket #0766, Message and order authorizing an appropriation Order in the amount of Twenty Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$27,500,000.00) from Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction, for projects, the Animal Shelter, Old State House, BHA decarbonization, and Harrison Avenue BWSC Operations.

Orders for the Capital Budget, including loan orders and lease-purchase agreements.

• Docket #0764, Message and order for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2024





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in an amount not to exceed Thirty Nine Million Dollars (\$39,000,000.00). These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of the foregoing.

- Docket #0767, Message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Million One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$657,110,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Department of Innovation and Technology, the Environment, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Works, and Transportation departments, Mayor's Office of Housing, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, Boston Public Library, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, and the Boston Public Health Commission.
- Docket #0768, Message and order authorizing an appropriation order in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Million One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$328,160,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for the Boston Public Schools.

Orders authorizing limits for departmental revolving funds for FY24, including Law, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Environment, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Schools, and Police

- Docket #0769, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Law Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to purchase goods and services for repairs to city property. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from recoveries for damages to city property caused by third parties. The Law Department will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).
- Docket #0770, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to purchase goods and services to support events and programming on and around City Hall Plaza to advance tourism and promote participation in public celebrations, civic and cultural events. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from payments for the use of City Hall Plaza pursuant to City of Boston Code, Ordinance, 11-7.14. The Mayor's Office of Tourism will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00)
- Docket #0771, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from rental fees for the use of the Strand Theatre. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (300,000.00).



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- Docket #0772, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to purchase goods and services to support public art to enhance the public realm throughout the City of Boston. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from easements within the public way granted by the Public Improvement Commission. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00).
- Docket #0773, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to facilitate the purchase of offsets of greenhouse gas emissions which shall be associated with a portion of the electricity consumed by the City annually; and to operate, maintain, monitor and expand the City's existing solar arrays and Boston Public Schools' combined heat and power facilities. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from the sale of renewable and alternative energy certificates and demand response program revenues produced by combined heat and power units located at Boston Public Schools sites and solar renewable energy certificates produced by the City's photovoltaic arrays. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).
- Docket #0774, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Environment Conservation Commission revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2024 for the purpose of securing outside consultants including engineers, wetlands scientist, wildlife biologists or other experts in order to aid in the review of proposed projects to the Commission, per the city's ordinance protecting local wetland and promoting climate change adaptation. The revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from fees imposed by the Commission for the purpose of securing outside consultants. The Environment Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).
- Docket #0775, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the City Hall Child Care. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from tuition paid by parents or guardians for children enrolled at the center. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00).
- Docket #0776, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to repair and purchase Boston Public Schools computer technology, including computers, mobile devices, and instructional software. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from equipment sales and repair fees for Boston Public School technology. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00).
- Docket #0777, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to support the maintenance and repair for BPS facilities, including custodial and utility costs for extended building time, floor refinishing, landscaping and building



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repairs. Receipts from Lease, Permit for Use and Parking Fees for BPS facilities will be deposited in the fund. BPS will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall not exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00).

- Docket #0778, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2024 for Boston Public School Transportation cost, including bus and public transportation costs. This revolving fund shall be credited with revenue received by Boston Public School Department for the provision of transportation to groups and entities for field trips and activities other than transportation to and from school. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).
- Docket #0779, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the Police Department Fitness Center. Revenue for this fund is derived from monthly membership fees. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).
- Docket #0780, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to support the Canine Unit's training program for officers and police dogs from non-City of Boston law enforcement agencies. The Special Operating Division will charge tuition and other fees to outside law enforcement agencies for the Canine Unit. The tuition and other fees by outside agencies will be used to purchase training equipment, certify instructors, update facilities and provide funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted. The Special Operations Division will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).

Other budget-related dockets.

- Docket #0781, Message and order authorizing the appropriation of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) from the income of the George Francis Parkman Fund. The funds are to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the maintenance and improvement of Boston Common and Parks in existence since January 12, 1887.
- Docket #0782, Message and order approving an appropriation of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) from the 21st Century Fund, also known as the Public Educational, or Governmental (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund. Pursuant to Section 53F ³/₄ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, the funds may be used to support PEG access services, to monitor compliance with the cable franchise agreement, and for preparation of renewal of the franchise license.

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and referred to the Committee on April 12, 2023.



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NOTICE: The Boston City Council may have a quorum in attendance due to standing committees of the City Council consisting of both voting and non-voting members. However, members attending this duly posted meeting are participating and deliberating only in conjunction with the business of the standing committee.

Public Testimony Public testimony is integral to the Council's budget review process. Members of the public may submit written testimony, videos, or testify live in person (for in-person hearings) or via videoconference (for all hearings). All forms of testimony will be made a part of the record and available to all Councilors. Additional information is available at: www.boston.gov/council-budget.

For the Committee: Tania Fernandes Anderson, Chair

Committee on Ways and Means

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Boston City Council Committee on Ways and Means Hearings and Working Sessions Schedule, FY24 Budget

Dockets #0760-0768, FY24 Operating Budget, Capital Fund Transfers, and Capital Budget with Dockets #0769-0782 Companion Funds Hearings Noted

UPDATED 5/25/2023

All hearings and working sessions will be held in the Iannella Chamber, Fifth Floor, Boston City Hall, *unless noted otherwise*. Public testimony will be accepted at the end of each hearing, as well as at the designated public testimony hearings. The Committee's working sessions will not include public comment periods.

DATE	TIME	DEPARTMENT	COMMENTS
4/24/23 – Mon	10:00AM	Operating Overview	In Person
		Office of Budget Management (OBM)	
	5:30PM	Capital Overview	Off-site
		OBM, Parks Department, Streets Cabinet, Office of Equity, Boston	
		Public Schools, OEOI	
4/25/23 - Tues	10:00AM	Law Department	Virtual
		Treasury Department	
		Auditing Department	
		Law Revolving Fund	
	2:00PM	Arts & Culture	<mark>Virtual</mark>
		Tourism, Sports & Entertainment	
		Arts & Culture Revolving Funds	
		Tourism Revolving Fund	
4/27/23 – Thurs	10:00AM	Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC)	Virtual
		Physical Health	
	2:00PM	Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC)	Virtual
		Mental Health	
		Recovery	V
5/1/23 - Mon	10:00AM	Department of Innovation & Technology	Virtual Virtual
		• Data	
		PEG Access Fund	
	2:00PM	Parks & Recreation Department	Virtual
		Environment Department	
		Food Justice	
		Environment Revolving Funds	
		Parkman Fund	
<u>5/2/23 – Tues</u>	10:00AM	Office of Food Justice	Canceled. OFJ
		Human Services	moved to 5/1 2PM,
		Grow Boston	OHS moved to 5/9
			10AM, Grow Boston
			moved to 5/23 10AM
	2:00PM	Public Testimony	Virtual
5/4/23 – Thurs	10:00AM	Language and Communications Access (LCA)	Virtual
		Office of Immigration Advancement (MOIA)	
		Disabilities Commission	
		Veterans Services (VETS)	



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2:00PM	Youth Employment and Opportunity (YEO) Youth Engagement and Advancement (YEA) Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF)	Canceled. YEO, YEA, BCYF &
	Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF)	
		Revolving Fund,
	Boston Public Schools (BPS)	BPS moved to 5/31
	BCYF Revolving Fund	3PM
10:00AM	Age Strong	In Person
	Women's Advancement (MOWA)	
	Office of Early Childhood	
2:00PM		In Person
	Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT)	
		BPD has been
		removed from this
		hearing
10:00AM	Office of Black Male Advancement (OBMA)	In Person
	Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement	
	Office of Returning Citizens (ORC)	
	Human Services	
	• Equity	
6:00PM	Public Testimony	
	Departments:	Canceled
	Parks	
	Streets	
	BTD	
	OBM	
	MOH	
	OEOI	
	BPD	
	• BPS	
3:00PM	Amendments Working Session	In Person
	Departments:	
	1. OMB	
	2. Parks	
	3. BPHC	
	4. Equity	
	5. Streets	
	6. Legal	
10:00AM		In Person
2:00PM		In Person
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10:00AM		Virtual
		In Person
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	Transformation Schools	
	6:00PM	Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) 10:00AM Office of Black Male Advancement (OBMA) Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement (OBMA) Office of Returning Citizens (ORC) Human Services • Equity 6:00PM Public Testimony Departments: • Parks • BTD • OBM • MOH • OEOI • BPD • DEOI • BPB • DEOI • BPB • DEOI • BPB • DEOI • BPB • Deoite • BPPS 3:00PM Amendments Working Session Departments: 1. OMB 2. Parks 3. BPHC 4. Equity 5. Streets 6. Legal 10:00AM Boston Police Department (BPD) BPD Revolving Fund 2:00PM Boston Police Department (BPD) • Reform (Grant Funding) • Crisis Response 10:00AM



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	2:00PM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) - Academics	Canceled
		Opportunity and Achievement Gap	
		Curriculum	
		Code of Conduct	
		English Learners	
		Special Education & Inclusion	
		Literacy	
		 Early Education/Universal Pre K 	
		Special Curricular Programs (AP, Credit Recovery, Age 22)	
		Special Curricular Programs (III, Crean Recovery, Fige 22) Vocational Education	
		Graduation & Career Readiness	
		Cruduation & Cureer Actualitiess Libraries	
		MCAS	
		 Office of Elementary Schools Office of Secondary Schools 	
5/16/23 – Tues	10:00AM		1.0
3/10/23 - 1008	10:00AM	Boston Fire Department (BFD)	In Person
		• Fire Prevention	
		• Fire Operations	
	2:00PM	Boston Emergency Management	Canceled
		Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	
5/17/23-Wed	3:00PM	Amendments Working Session	
		Departments:	Canceled. Moved to
		1 Office of Budget Management	5/18 10AM
		2. Legal	
	6:00PM	Public Testimony	In Person
		Departments:	Offsite
		Boston Police Department	
		Boston Fire Department	
		• Safety	
		 Boston Emergency Medical Services 	
5/18/23 - Thurs	10:00AM	Amendments Working Session	In Person
5/10/25 Indis	10.0071141	Departments:	ALL COLOURS
		1. Office of Budget Management	
		2. Legal	
	10:00AM	Amendments Working Session	Canceled. Moved to
		Boston Transportation Department (BTD)	5/18 2PM
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	2:00PM	Amendments Working Session	In Person
		Boston Transportation Department (BTD)	
		Streets	
		• PWD	
		• 311	
		• ISD	
	2:00PM	Public Testimony	Canceled. Moved to
		Departments:	5/17 6PM
		 Boston Police Department 	1



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		Boston Fire Department	
		• Safety	
		 Boston Emergency Medical Services 	
5/22/23 - Mon	10:00AM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) - Enrichment	Virtual
		Arts & Music	
		Athletics	
		After School Programming	
		• Tutoring	
		Summer Learning	
		• Partnerships	
	2:00PM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) - Social Emotional Learning and Student	Canceled
		Supports	
		Behavioral & Mental Health Supports	
		 Homeless Education Resource Network 	
		 Trauma/Crisis-Response 	
		 Family Liaisons, Social Workers, School Psychologists, 	
		Nurses	
		Early Interventions	
		Hub Schools	
5/23/23 – Tues	10:00AM	Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH)	In Person
		Fair Housing	
		Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)	
		Grow Boston	
	2:00PM	Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion (OEOI)	Canceled
		Office of Workforce Development (OWD)	
		Human Resources	
5/24/23 - Weds	3:30PM	Public Works Department (PWD)	In Person
		Boston Transportation Department (BTD)	
5/25/23 - Thurs	10:00AM	Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA)	In Person
		Development Review	
		Compliance	
		Real Estate	
		• Finance	
		Planning	
		Research	
		ODEI	
	2:00PM	Amendments Working Session	In Person
		Departments:	
		1. BPS	
		2. OBM	
5/26/23 - Fri	10:00AM	Carry Over	Virtual
5/30/23 - Tues	10:00AM	Supplier and Workforce Diversity	In Person
		Center for Working Families	
		Procurement	Virtual
		Small Business Development	
		Human Resources	
		Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion	
	2:00PM	Amendments Working Session	Canceled
		Departments:	



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		1. BFD	1
		2. BPD	
		Office of Emergency Management	Virtual
		Emergency Medical Services	
5/31/23 - Wed	3:00PM	Youth Employment and Opportunity (YEO)	Virtual
		Youth Engagement and Advancement (YEA)	
		Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF)	
		Boston Public Schools (BPS)	
		BCYF Revolving Fund	
6/1/23 - Thurs	10:00AM	Amendments Working Session	In Person
		Councilors only	
	2:00PM	Boston Police Department (BPD)	Canceled
		Carry over	
	5:30PM	Capital Overview: Part 2	Offisite
		• Parks	N. C. S. C. C. S.
		Streets	
		BTD	
		• OBM	
		• MOH	
		• OEOI	
		• BPD	
		• BPS	
6/2/23 - Fri	10:00AM	Boston 311	Virtual
		Civic Organizing	Virtual
		Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS)	
6/5/23 - Mon	10:00AM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) - Operations	Virtual
0/0/20 - 101011	10.007101	School Admissions & Assignment System	• II tual
		Transportation	
		Food & Nutrition Services	
		School Safety	
		Admin Budget/ Central Office	
		 Human Capital (incl. Diversity, Recruitment, Evaluation, 	
		Staff Retention	
		Procurement	
		BPS Revolving Funds	
	2:00PM	Boston Public Schools - Academics	Virtual
	2.001 101	Opportunity and Achievement Gap	virtual
		Curriculum	
		Code of Conduct	
		English Learners	
		 Special Education & Inclusion 	
		 Special Education & Inclusion Literacy 	
		 Early Education/Universal Pre-K 	
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		 Vocational Education Graduation & Career Readiness 	
		 Libraries MCAS 	
		 Office of Elementary Schools Office of Secondary Schools 	



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6/6/23 - Tues	10:00AM	Committee Report Working Session	In Person
6/9/23 - Fri	10:00AM	HOLD	
6/14/23 - Wed	12:00PM	VOTE (Admin Return/Modifications)	
6/15/23 - Thurs	10:00AM	Amendments Working Session	In Persoa
		Departments:	
		1. Office of Budget Management (OBM)	
		2. Legal	
	6:00PM	Public Testimony	
		Carry Over	
6/16/23 - Friday	10:00AM	HOLD	
6/20/23 - Tues	10:00AM	Carry over	
	2:00PM	Carry Over	
6/22/23 - Thurs	10:00AM	Amendments Working Session	
	2:00PM	Amendments Working Session	
6/26/23 - Mon	10:00AM	HOLD	
	2:00PM	HOLD	
6/27/23 - Tue	10:00AM	HOLD	
	2:00PM	HOLD	
6/28/23 - Wed	12:00PM	FINAL VOTE	